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January 25, 1949

Mr. Robert S. Gill President The Passano Foundation Mt Royal and Guilford Avenues Baltimore 2, Maryland

Dear Mr. Gill:

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This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 19 concerning the selection of a recipient of the Passano Award for 1949.

After consideration of the three candidates whom you present and concerning whom you ask my judgment, I wish to say that I would like to cast my ballot with all ten points in favor of Oswald T. Avery. Doctor Avery's fundamental investigative work in the field of bacteriology over the years together with the influence which he has exerted on creative medical research have been of the greatest significance to medical science in this country. It is my opinion that his selection as recipient would reflect great honor upon the Award and would be appreciated by all medical scientists.

Thank you for the privilege of expressing my judgment in this important matter.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Goodpasture, M.D.

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